



OCT 0 7 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900 A3233A US

1652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S):

MARCIREAU ET AL.

EXAMINER:

M. MONSHIPOURI

SERIAL NO.

09/744,125

ART UNIT

1652

FILED

SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

RECEIVED

FOR

MEKK1-INTERACTING FHA PROTEIN

AUG 0 8 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 29/231

on JUN 30, 2002.

William C. Coppola, Reg. No. 41,686 (Name of Registered Representative)

(Signature and D

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION <u>UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121</u>

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002 in connection with the aboveidentified Application and in accordance with Rules 111 and 142(a) of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121: